Remarks:

Claims 1-15, 17, and 18 have been canceled. Upon entry of this amendment claims 16 and 19 will be pending.

Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance and therefore request such action. Additionally, applicants request a corrected filing receipt that reflects the above presented continuity information.

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